

# Daily Digest

## Senate

### Chamber Action

#### *Routine Proceedings, pages S13143–S13202*

**Measures Introduced:** Two bills and two resolutions were introduced, as follows: S. 2880–2881, and S.J. Res. 374–375. **Page S13190**

#### **Measures Passed:**

***Amateur Radio Emergency Communications Enhancement Act:*** Senate passed S. 1755, to direct the Department of Homeland Security to undertake a study on emergency communications. **Page S13201**

***Second Session of the 111th Congress Convening Day:*** Senate passed H.J. Res. 62, appointing the day for the convening of the second session of the One Hundred Eleventh Congress, clearing the measure for the President. **Page S13201**

***Honoring Stefanie Spielman:*** Senate agreed to S. Res. 375, honoring the life and service of breast cancer advocate, Stefanie Spielman. **Page S13202**

#### **Appointments:**

***United States-China Economic Security Review Commission:*** The Chair, on behalf of the President pro tempore, pursuant to Public Law 106–398, as amended by Public Law 108–7, in accordance with the qualifications specified under section 1238(b)(3)(E) of Public Law 106–398, and upon the recommendation of the Republican Leader, in consultation with the ranking members of the Senate Committee on Armed Services and the Senate Committee on Finance, reappointed the following individual to the United States-China Economic Security Review Commission: Daniel Blumenthal of Maryland, for a term beginning January 1, 2010 and expiring December 31, 2011. **Page S13202**

***United States-China Interparliamentary Group:*** The Chair, on behalf of the President pro tempore, pursuant to 22 U.S.C. 276n, as amended, appointed the following Senator as Vice Chairman of the United States-China Interparliamentary Group conference during the 111th Congress: Senator Bond. **Page S13202**

**Service Members Home Ownership Tax Act—Agreement:** A unanimous-consent-time agreement

was reached providing that at approximately 10 a.m., on Tuesday, December 15, 2009, and following the Leader's time, Senate resume consideration of H.R. 3590, to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to modify the first-time homebuyers credit in the case of members of the Armed Forces and certain other Federal employees, and there then be a period of five hours of debate, with the time divided as follows: two hours equally divided between Senators Baucus and Crapo, or their designees; and two hours equally divided between Senators Dorgan and Lautenberg, or their designees, and one hour under the control of the Republican Leader, or his designee; that during this debate time, it be in order for Senator Baucus to offer a side-by-side amendment to the Crapo motion to commit; and Senator Lautenberg be recognized to offer Amendment No. 3156, as a side-by-side to Dorgan-McCain Amendment No. 2793, as modified; that no further amendments or motions be in order during the pendency of this agreement, except as noted in this agreement; that upon the use or yielding back of all time, Senate vote on or in relation to the aforementioned amendments and motion in this order: Baucus, Crapo, Dorgan, and Lautenberg; with each subject to an affirmative 60 vote threshold, and that if they achieve that threshold, then they be agreed to; that if they do not achieve that threshold they then be withdrawn; provided further, that the cloture motion with respect to the Crapo motion be withdrawn; provided further, that upon disposition of the above referenced amendments and motion; the next two Senators to be recognized to offer a motion and amendment be Senator Hutchison to offer a motion to commit regarding taxes and implementation, and Senator Sanders to offer Amendment No. 2837; that no amendments be in order to the Hutchison motion or Sanders Amendment No. 2837; that upon their disposition, the Majority Leader be recognized.

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**Adjournment:** Senate convened at 2 p.m. and adjourned at 8:15 p.m., until 10 a.m. on Tuesday, De-

cember 15, 2009. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Acting Majority Leader in today's Record on page S13202.)

## Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

No committee meetings were held.

# House of Representatives

## Chamber Action

**Public Bills and Resolutions Introduced:** 7 public bills, H.R. 4301–4307; and 2 resolutions, H.J. Res. 63; and H.Res. 969 were introduced. Page H14877

## Additional Cosponsors:

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## Reports Filed: Reports were filed today as follows:

H.R. 1517, to allow certain U.S. Customs and Border Protection employees who serve under an overseas limited appointment for at least 2 years, and whose service is rated fully successful or higher throughout that time, to be converted to a permanent appointment in the competitive service, with an amendment (H. Rept. 111–373, Pt. 1);

H.R. 1084, to require the Federal Communications Commission to prescribe a standard to preclude commercials from being broadcast at louder volumes than the program material they accompany, with an amendment (H. Rept. 111–374); and

H.R. 1147, to implement the recommendations of the Federal Communications Commission report to the Congress regarding low-power FM service, with an amendment (H. Rept. 111–375). Pages H14876–77

**Speaker:** Read a letter from the Speaker wherein she appointed Representative Edwards (MD) to act as Speaker Pro Tempore for today. Page H14829

**Recess:** The House recessed at 12:37 p.m. and reconvened at 2 p.m. Page H14830

**Recess:** The House recessed at 2:04 p.m. and reconvened at 4:04 p.m. Pages H14830–31

**Suspensions:** The House agreed to suspend the rules and pass the following measures:

*Extending the Generalized System of Preferences and the Andean Trade Preference Act:* H.R. 4284, to extend the Generalized System of Preferences and the Andean Trade Preference Act; Pages H14831–35

*Federal Financial Assistance Management Improvement Act of 2009:* S. 303, amended, to reau-

thorize and improve the Federal Financial Assistance Management Improvement Act of 1999;

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*Recognizing and supporting the goals and ideals of National Runaway Prevention Month:* H. Res. 779, amended, to recognize and support the goals and ideals of National Runaway Prevention Month, by a 2/3 yea-and-nay vote of 341 yeas with none voting “nay”, Roll No. 969; and

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Agreed to amend the title so as to read: “Recognizing the importance of youth runaway prevention and at-risk youth programs.”. Page H14844

*Commending the Real Salt Lake soccer club for winning the 2009 Major League Soccer Cup:* H. Res. 942, to commend the Real Salt Lake soccer club for winning the 2009 Major League Soccer Cup, by a 2/3 yea-and-nay vote of 347 yeas with none voting “nay”, Roll No. 970. Pages H14840–41, H14844

**Suspension—Proceedings Postponed:** The House debated the following measure under suspension of the rules. Further proceedings were postponed:

*Honoring the American Kennel Club on its 125th anniversary:* H. Con. Res. 160, amended, to honor the American Kennel Club on its 125th anniversary. Pages H14841–43

**Recess:** The House recessed at 5:19 p.m. and reconvened at 6:30 p.m. Page H14843

**Senate Message:** Message received from the Senate today appears on page H14830.

**Quorum Calls—Votes:** Two yea-and-nay votes developed during the proceedings of today and appear on pages H14843–44, H14844. There were no quorum calls.

**Adjournment:** The House met at 12:30 p.m. and adjourned at 11:01 p.m.

## Committee Meetings

No committee meetings were held.

## Joint Meetings

No joint committee meetings were held.

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### COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR TUESDAY, DECEMBER 15, 2009

*(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)*

#### Senate

*Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation:* to hold hearings to examine the nominations of Julie Simone Brill, of Vermont, and Edith Ramirez, of California, both to be a Federal Trade Commissioner, David L. Strickland, of Georgia, to be Administrator of the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration, Department of Transportation, Michael A. Khouri, of Kentucky, to be a Federal Maritime Commissioner, and Nicole Yvette Lamb-Hale, of Michigan, to be Assistant Secretary of Commerce, 3:30 p.m., SR-253.

*Committee on Energy and Natural Resources:* to hold hearings to examine S. 2052, to amend the Energy Policy Act of 2005 to require the Secretary of Energy to carry out a research and development and demonstration program to reduce manufacturing and construction costs relating to nuclear reactors, and S. 2812, to amend the Energy Policy Act of 2005 to require the Secretary of Energy to carry out programs to develop and demonstrate 2 small modular nuclear reactor designs, 10 a.m., SD-366.

*Committee on Foreign Relations:* Subcommittee on East Asian and Pacific Affairs, to hold hearings to examine re-evaluating United States policy in Central Asia, 10 a.m., SD-419.

*Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs:* Subcommittee on Oversight of Government Management, the Federal Workforce, and the District of Columbia, to hold hearings to examine efforts to improve management integration at the Department of Homeland Security, 10 a.m., SD-342.

*Committee on the Judiciary:* to hold hearings to examine ensuring the effective use of DNA evidence to solve rape cases nationwide, 10 a.m., SD-226.

*Select Committee on Intelligence:* to hold closed hearings to consider certain intelligence matters, 2:30 p.m., SH-219.

#### House

*Committee on Armed Services,* to mark up H. Res. 924, Directing the Secretary of Defense to transmit to the House of Representatives copies of any document, record, memo, correspondence, or other communication of the Department of Defense, or any portion of such communication, that refers or relates to the trial or detention of Khalid Sheikh Mohammed, Walid Muhammad Salih Murarek Bin 'Attash, Ramzi Binalshibh, Ali Abdul Aziz Ali, or Mustafa Ahmed Adam al Hawsawi, 2 p.m., 210 HVC.

*Committee on Energy and Commerce,* Subcommittee on Communications, Technology, and the Internet, hearing on the following bills: H.R. 3125, Radio Spectrum Inventory Act; and H.R. 3019, Spectrum Relocation Improvement Act of 2009, 9:30 a.m., 2123 Rayburn.

*Committee on Financial Services,* hearing entitled "Covered Bonds: Prospects for a U.S. Market Going Forward," 10 a.m., 2128 Rayburn.

*Committee on Foreign Affairs,* Subcommittee on Europe, hearing on the Lisbon Treaty: Implications for Future Relations Between the European Union and the United States, 2 p.m., 2172 Rayburn.

*Committee on Homeland Security,* Subcommittee on Intelligence, Information Sharing and Terrorism Risk Assessment, hearing entitled "Violent Extremism: How Are People Moved from Constitutionally-Protected Thought to Acts of Terrorism?" 10 a.m., 311 Cannon.

*Committee on the Judiciary,* Task Force on Judicial Impeachment, to continue consideration of Possible Impeachment of United States District Judge G. Thomas Porteous, Jr., Part IV, 10:30 a.m., 2141 Rayburn.

*Committee on Oversight and Government Reform,* Subcommittee on National Security and Foreign Affairs, hearing entitled "Iran Sanctions: Options, Opportunities, and Consequences," 10 a.m., 2154 Rayburn.

*Committee on Ways and Means,* Subcommittee on Social Security and the Subcommittee on Economic Development, Public Buildings and Emergency Management of the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure, joint hearing on Recovery Act Project to Replace the Social Security Administration's National Computer Center, 9:30 a.m., 1100 Longworth.

*Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence,* to mark up H. Res. 923, Requesting the President to transmit to the House of Representatives all documents in the possession of the President related to the effects on foreign intelligence collection of the transfer of detainees held at Naval Station, Guantanamo Bay, Cuba, into the United States, 10 a.m., 304 HVC.

*Next Meeting of the SENATE*

10 a.m., Tuesday, December 15

## Senate Chamber

**Program for Tuesday:** Senate will resume consideration of H.R. 3590, Service Members Home Ownership Tax Act, and after five hours of debate, Senators should expect a series of four roll call votes on or in relation to certain amendments and a motion at approximately 6 p.m.

(Senate will recess from 12:45 p.m. until 3:15 p.m. for their respective party conferences.)

*Next Meeting of the HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES*

9 a.m., Tuesday, December 15

## House Chamber

**Program for Tuesday:** Consideration of the following suspensions: (1) H.R. 1517—To allow certain U.S. Customs and Border Protection employees who serve under an overseas limited appointment for at least 2 years to be converted to a permanent appointment in the competitive service; (2) H.R. 3978—First Responder Anti-Terrorism Training Resources Act; (3) H. Res. 894—Honoring the 50th anniversary of the recording of the album "Kind of Blue"; (4) S. 1472—Establishing a section within the Criminal Division of the Department of Justice to enforce human rights laws; (5) H. Res. 150—Expressing the sense of the House of Representatives that A. Philip Randolph should be recognized for his lifelong leadership; (6) H.R. 1110—PHONE Act; (7) H.R. 1147—Local Community Radio Act; (8) H.R. 1084—Commercial Advertisement Loudness Mitigation Act; (9) H.R. 3714—Daniel Pearl Freedom of the Press Act; and (10) H.R. 2194—Iran Refined Petroleum Sanctions Act.

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